Construction of Dwelling Units by the D. D. A.

2807. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE. LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D. D. A. had taken a decision some time back for the construction of about one lakh Dwelling Units each year;

(b) if so, what has been the actual achievement in this regard since then during each year and during the current year; and

(c) what was the annual target fixed for the settlement of J. J. residents in transit camps and. what has been the yearly progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI DALBIR. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Actual achievement is as follows: —

Year	No. of houses
1984-85	8327
As on 1.3.1986	32460
No. of houses at various stages of construction during the current year.	86651

(c) No annual target had been announced for settling of J. J. resident$_s$ in the Transit camps. In all, DDA, had completed or nearly completed 5980 units of Transit camps accommodation. The construction of such Transit camps has since been discontinued. During the year 1986-87, 3435 plots of 10 and 12. 5 sq. mtrs. size have also been demarcated for jhuggi dwellers.

Rationalisation of Steel Prices

2808. SHRI F. M. KHAN; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten. tion has been drawn to a news report published in the 'Economic Times' of 12th February, 1987 regarding a study by the confederation of Engineering industry which had shown that due to escalation in the prices of raw materials and electricity charges, etc. the steel industry is suffering heavy loss; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to provide relief to the steel industry by rationalising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes. Sir.

, (b) No change in the steel prices is contemplated at present. Efforts are being made continuously to neutralise to the extent possible increase in input costs through higher capacity utilisation and increased productivity.

Technology mission on drinking water

2809. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on January 9, 1987 the Prime Minister expressed dissatisfaction as reported in the 'Times of India' of January 10, 1987 over the delayed implementation of the Technological Mission for supplying drinking water in the rural areas and has urged for a definite time-table to accomplish its well-defined objectives;

(b) if so, what exactly is the objec. tive of this Mission and its definite time-table; and

(c) what are the targets fixed for the current and the next year?